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In re application of:

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For: LIPOSOMAL COMPOSITIONS
FOR THE DELIVERY OF NUCLEIC
ACID CATALYSTS

Examiner: M. Schmidt

Art Unit: 1635

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 30, 2001 and the Notice of Appeal mailed January 30, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit this Request for Reconsideration and Request for Continued Examination of the above-referenced patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Applicants believe that the present Request for Reconsideration places the above-referenced patent application in condition for allowance.

REMARKS

The Invention

The present invention is directed, in part, to methods for treating neoplasia in a mammal using formulations comprising a PEG-ceramide conjugate, a lipid, and a nucleic acid catalyst (*i.e.*, a ribozyme). Such formulations have been found to be unusually effective in delivering nucleic acid catalysts to neoplastic cells *in vivo*, thereby providing therapeutic results.

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